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SUBJ: GOA RESPONSE TO PAN AM OCTOBER FILING

REF CURRAN-PYMAN LTR OCT 6, 1976

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1. FOR RECORD, POUCHING COPY OF LTR FROM J M CHAPAMN
DTD NOV 5, 1976 RESPONDING TO REFLTR. CHAPMAN, ON INSTRUCTIONS
FROM MINTRANSPORT "REITERATES AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN
THAT INTRODUCTION ADDITIONAL CAPACITY BY EITHER DESIGNATED
AIRLINE SHOULD BE CLOSELY MATCHED TO DEMONSTRATED TRAFFIC
REQUIREMENT ON AUSTRALIA/USA ROUTE." GOA AGREES ADDITIONAL
CAPACITY NEEDED BY PANAM AND QANTAS DURING DEC 1976 -
FEB 1977, BUT FEARS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IN AUSTRALIA/US
MARKET AFTER PEAK SEASON COULD EXCEED MARKET REQUIREMENTS,
REDUCE SEAT FACTORS ON EXISTING SERVICES. GOA, THEREFORE,
"WILL CLOSELY MONITOR TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE OF 747SP SERVICES
AND WILL EXAMINE, IF ADDITIONAL FREQUENCES CONTINUE TO
OPERATE ...(AFTER) PEAK, JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUANCE..."
GOA WOULD THEN CONSIDER WHETHER TO INVOKE REVIEW PROVISIONS
PARA 6 OF SEPT 1971 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING. CONCLUDES WITH
REF TO GOA RIGHTS UNDER ART VIII OF AIR AGREEMENT TO REQUEST
CONSULTATIONS AT ANY TIME.

2. POST HAS NOT RPT NOT REPLIED TO LTR IN WRITING BUT ORALLY
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT. IF DEPT WISHES TO HAVE WRITTEN REPLY
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MADE, REITERATING USG POSITIONS AS STATED BY TRANSITING

USDEL IN CANBERRA ON OCT 15, REQUEST TEXT FOR REPLY.
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3. REGRET INFORM YOU TREVOR PYMAN INFORMED CURRAN FEW DAYS
AGO THAT MASON CHAPMAN OBLIGED TO QUIT WORK FOR 12 MONTHS,
POSSIBLY FOR GOOD, DUE TO SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEM (EVIDENTLY
VIRTUAL BREAKDOWN) DUE TO OVERWORK, STRESS AND ANXIETY.
PYMAN WHO IS HIMSELF RETIRING IN MATTER OF DAYS, HAD HOPED
CHAPMAN WOULD BE NAMED HIS SUCCESSOR AND EVIDENTALLY CHAPMAN
HAD HIGH HOPES OF THIS. CANBERRA HAS, HOWEVER, APPOINTED DOT
CIVIL SERVANT JOHN ROWLAND TO REPLACE PYMAN. LATTER SAYS
ROWLAND IS GOOD, CAPABLE MAN WITH NO RPT NO EXPERIENCE OR
KNOWLEDGE OF AIR TRANSPORATION AT ALL, BUT WORK BACK-GROUND
OF LAND TRANSPORTATION. PERSONAL DISTRESS OVER THIS TURN OF
EVENTS WAS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR LEADING TO CHAPMAN'S ILLNESS.
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